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Hearing: The Future of Cyber and Telecommunications Security at the Department of Homeland Security

WHO: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection,

and Cybersecurity

Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA)

WHEN: 3 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2006

WHERE: 2212 Rayburn House Office Building

WITNESSES

The Honorable George Foresman

Under Secretary
Directorate of Preparedness
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

David Powner

Director hnology Manage

Information Technology Management Issues Government Accountability Office

Paul Kurtz

Executive Director Cyber Security Industry Alliance

William Pelgrin

Director

New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure

Guy Copeland

Chairman

Information Technology Sector Coordinating Council

David Barron

Chairman

Telecommunications Sector Coordinating Council

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity will convene a hearing to discuss the future oversight of telecommunications security and cybersecurity by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS has the responsibility of coordinating the protection of the Nation's information and communications systems. As advancements are made in communications and information technologies converge, communications systems become reliant on one another, sharing critical information infrastructure for daily operations. This hearing will discuss successes and failures of the Department and help define a way forward to effectively protect the Nation's information infrastructure.